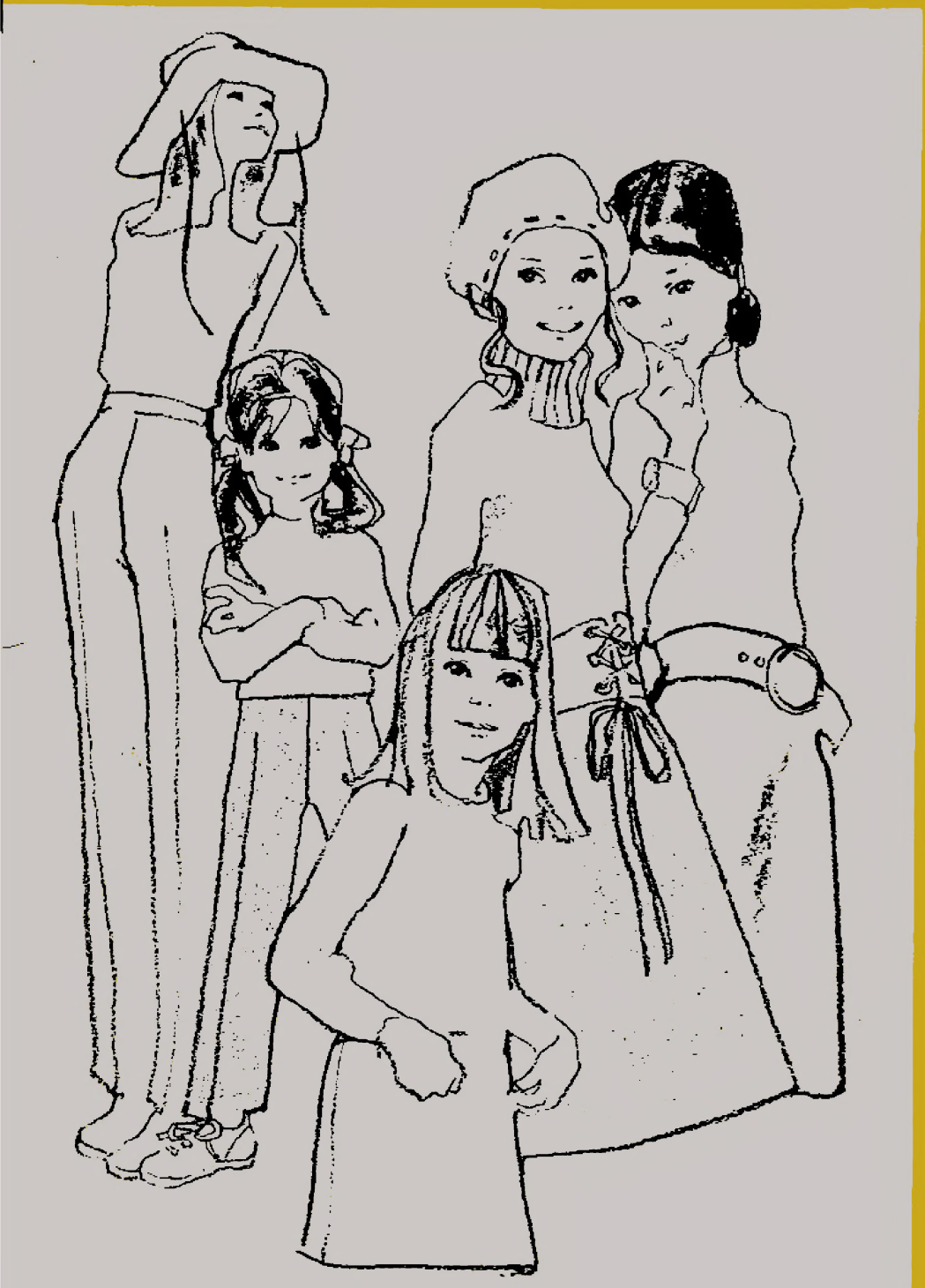
SINGER KNITTING MACHINES

Pants and Skirts



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Series 6

5 PLY

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SINGER BASIC FASHIONS USING PATONS BLUEBELL OR 5 PLY HARMONY

These garments have been designed for all Singer Knitting Machines. The designs for adults and children cover pants, A-line and straight skirts, which, combined with jumpers or cardigans from the Classic 5 ply books 1 or 2 will make complete outfits.

This book has been designed for beginners. However, advanced knitters may like to add their own variations as stripes, or bands of fairisle.

NOTE: Tuck or weaving stitch designs are not suitable.

To ensure the success of your knitting the first part of this book has been devoted to advice on tensions, measurements, decreasing, hems and quantities of yarn.

Tensions

These garments have been designed for Patons Bluebell or 5 ply Harmony made by Patons in 100 gm balls.

In order to match the sizes shown in this book it is essential to produce the correct tension. The correct stocking stitch tension is:

30 stitches to 10 cm
42 rows to 10 cm

For all Singer machines we suggest Tension 6.2; however, as each machine varies, it is advisable to check your tension. Various colours and flecks can also affect the tension.

To check tension: Knit a sample with 60 stitches on a point one below suggested tension, e.g. T.6.1 – knit 60 rows and mark work, then change tension to 6.2 and knit 60 rows, then T.7.0 for 60 rows or use gauge scale. Remove the sample from the machine and leave for at least 12 hours before measuring.

Measurements

We have used average measurements; however, individual requirements may need the lengths to be altered. At the point for alteration the instructions have been marked "adjust here". For shorter lengths deduct 10 rows for each 2.5 cm and for longer lengths add 10 rows for each 2.5 cm. If altering lengths remember to alter all pieces to correspond.

ADULTS

SIZES	A	B	C	D	E	F
Waist ... cm	58	61	65	69	74	79
... inch	23	24	25½	27	29	31
Hip 23 cm (9") below waist ... cm	85	88	91	97	102	107
... inch	33½	34½	36	38	40	42
Skirt length ... cm	48	48	48	48	48	48
... inch	19	19	19	19	19	19
Slack length ... cm	102	102	102	102	102	102
... inch	40	40	40	40	40	40

CHILDREN

SIZES	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Waist ... cm	51	53	56	60	62	65	67
... inch	20	21	22	23½	24½	25½	26½
Hip ... cm	56	61	66	71	76	81	86
... inch	22	24	26	28	30	32	34
Skirt length ... cm	25	28	30	33	36	38	41
... inch	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Slack length ... cm	53	60	65	74	81	89	91
... inch	21	23½	26½	29	32	35	36

Decreasing for these garments should not be obvious. To decrease place 2nd last stitch onto the last stitch then move both back onto empty needle. Push end empty needle out of action.

Hems

1. Select the number of needles required.
2. Cast on, using scrap wool.
3. Knit 11 rows and break off wool.
4. Knit one row with ravel cord.
5. Set tension at one full number tighter than normal tension, e.g., T.5.2.
6. Join in main yarn.
7. For these patterns knit 26 rows.
8. To form the hem, with the transfer tool pick up the stitches of the first row of main yarn above ravel cord and place onto the corresponding needles.
9. There are now 2 stitches on each needle except one at the end.
10. Loosen tension to one full number above normal tension, e.g., T.7.2.
11. Knit one row.
12. Reset tension to normal, e.g., T.6.2. and follow pattern instructions. After the piece has been completed pull out the ravel cord and the waste knitting will fall free.

Materials

The figures quoted are for **Patons Bluebell 25 gm balls or 5 ply Harmony 100 gm balls.**
If alterations are made to lengths also alter quantities.

ADULTS' GARMENTS

Sizes	A	B	C	D	E	F
Straight Skirt ... 25 gm balls	15	15	16	16	17	17
... 100 gm balls	4	4	4	4	5	5
A-line Skirt ... 25 gm balls	15	15	16	16	17	17
... 100 gm balls	4	4	4	4	5	5
Pants ... 25 gm balls	27	29	30	30	31	31
... 100 gm balls	7	8	8	8	8	8

CHILDREN'S GARMENTS

Sizes	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Skirt ... 25 gm balls	6	6	7	8	9	10	13
... 100 gm balls	2	2	2	2	3	3	4
Pants ... 25 gm balls	9	10	13	15	17	20	22
... 100 gm balls	3	3	4	4	5	5	6

LADIES' PANTS–FRONT–2 PIECES

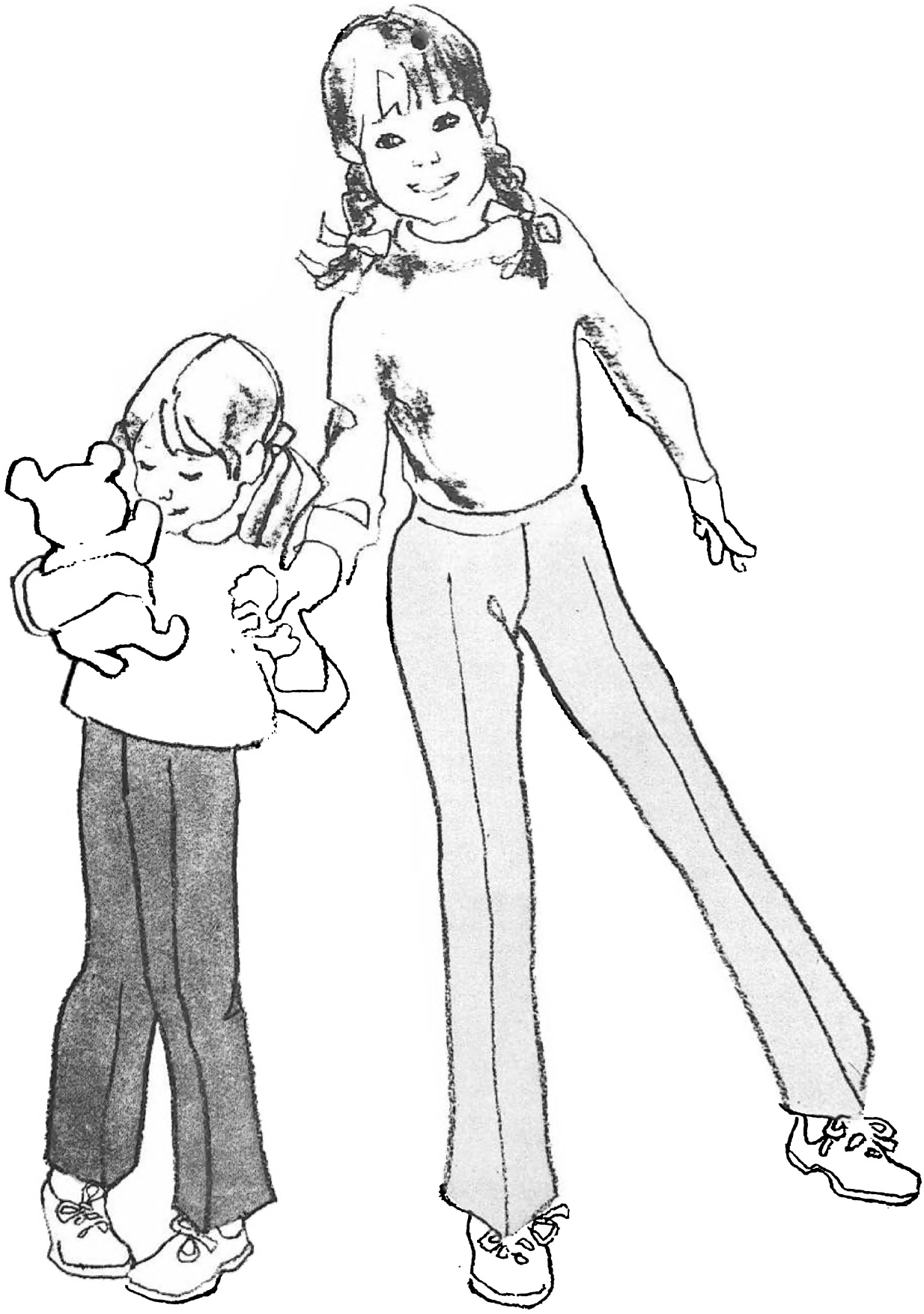
Sizes	A	B	C	D	E	F
1. Select xxx needles	70	72	74	78	82	88
2. With carriage on right follow steps 1-12 of hem instructions in front section.						
3. Row counter 0.						
4. Knit straight to 200 rows (adjust length).						
Note: Steps 5 and 6 are knitted simultaneously.						
5. **ON SIDE SEAM (LEFT OF WORK)** Increase 1 stitch on this and every 20 rows—4 times altogether. Increase 1 stitch every 8 rows 4 times.						
6. **ON INSIDE SEAM (RIGHT OF WORK)** Increase 1 stitch on this and every 15 rows—6 times altogether.						
7. There are now xxx stitches	84	86	88	92	96	102
8. Knit to 294 rows.						
9. Row counter 0.						
Note: Steps 10 and 11 are knitted simultaneously.						
10. **ON SIDE SEAM (LEFT)** Knit straight to 50 rows. Decrease 1 stitch on this and every 11 rows—6 times altogether.						
11. **ON INSIDE SEAM (RIGHT)** Cast off 3 stitches. Decrease 1 stitch every row 3 times. Decrease 1 stitch every 2nd row 9 times. Decrease 1 stitch every 11 rows 8 times.						
12. There are now xxx stitches	55	57	59	63	67	73
13. Knit to 111 rows.						
14. Carriage on left. Russel lever Blue.						
15. Push to D on right xxx needles	18	19	20	21	22	24
16. Knit 1 row.						
17. Hook wool under inside needle in D position.						
18. Knit 1 row.						
19. Repeat steps 15 to 18 once.						
20. Russel lever Red. Knit 1 row.						
21. Change tension one full number tighter.						
22. Knit 28 rows.						
23. Cast off loosely.						

Knit other front commencing with carriage on left, side seam shaping on right and inside seam on left of work.

LADIES' PANTS–BACK–2 PIECES

Sizes	A	B	C	D	E	F
1. Select xxx needles	70	72	74	78	82	88
2. With carriage on left follow steps 1-12 of hem instructions in front section.						
3. Row counter 0.						
4. Knit straight to 200 rows (adjust length).						
Note: Steps 5 and 6 are knitted simultaneously.						
5. **ON SIDE SEAM (RIGHT OF WORK)** Increase 1 stitch on this and every 20 rows—4 times altogether. Increase 1 stitch every 8 rows 4 times.						
6. **ON INSIDE SEAM (LEFT OF WORK)** Increase 1 stitch on this and every 10 rows—4 times altogether. Increase 1 stitch every 5 rows 12 times.						
7. There are now xxx stitches	94	96	98	102	106	112
8. Knit to 292 rows.						
9. Row counter 0.						
Note: Steps 10 and 11 are knitted simultaneously.						
10. **ON SIDE SEAM (RIGHT)** Knit straight to 52 rows. Decrease 1 stitch on this and every 11 rows—6 times altogether.						
11. **ON INSIDE SEAM (LEFT)** Cast off 5 stitches. Decrease 1 stitch every row 12 times. Decrease 1 stitch every 2nd row 9 times. Decrease 1 stitch every 8 rows 10 times.						
12. There are now xxx stitches	52	54	56	60	64	70
13. Knit to 118 rows.						
14. Carriage on left, Russel lever Blue.						
15. Push to D on right xxx needles	10	11	11	12	13	14
16. Knit 1 row.						
17. Hook wool under inside needle in D.						
18. Knit 1 row.						
19. Repeat steps 15 to 18 3 times.						
20. Russel lever Red. Knit 1 row.						
21. Change tension one full number tighter.						
22. Knit 28 rows.						
23. Cast off loosely.						

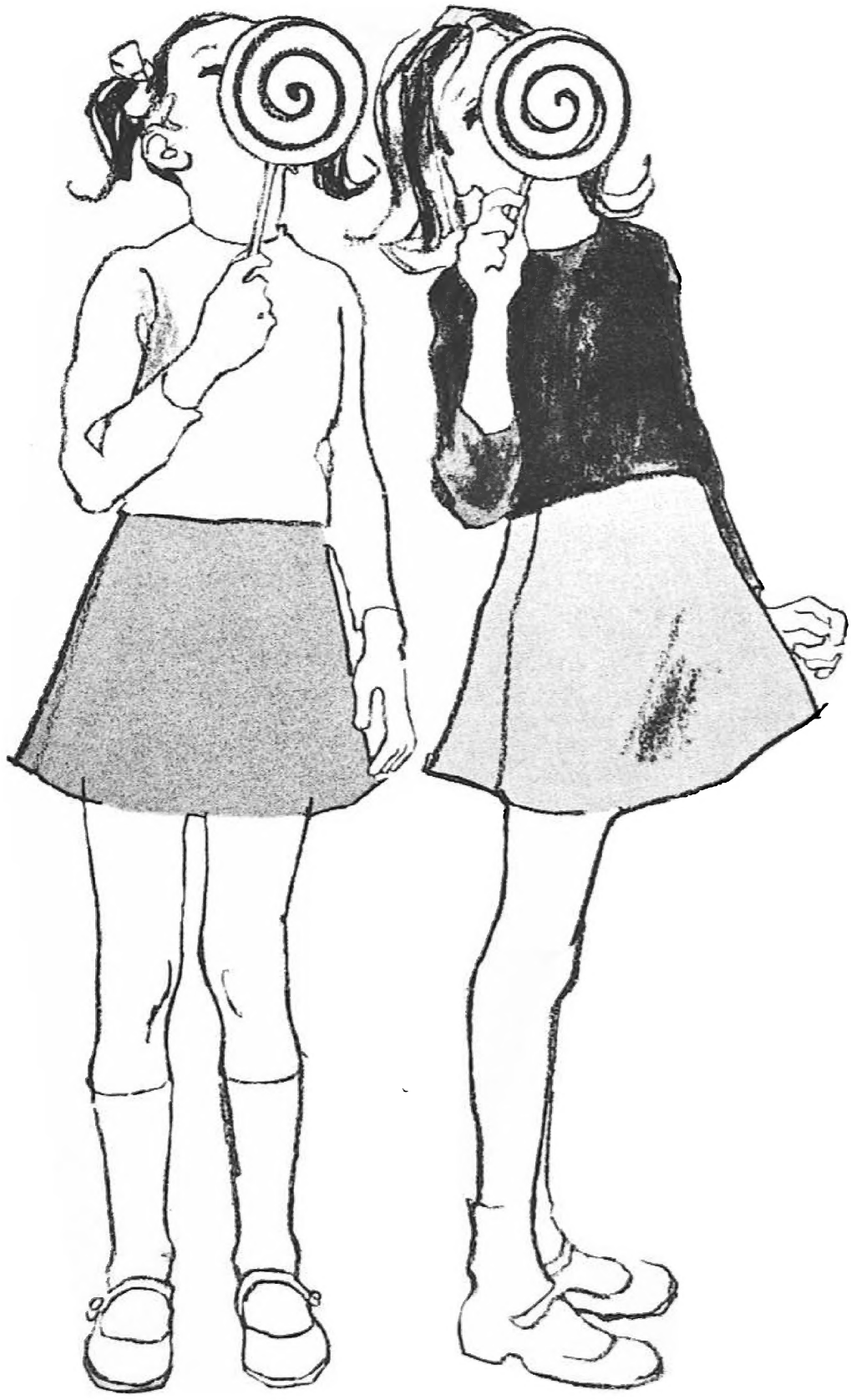
Knit other back commencing with carriage on right, side seam shaping on left and inside seam on right of work.



CHILD'S PANTS–2 PIECES

Sizes	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1. Select xxx needles	96	102	108	114	120	128	140
2. With carriage on left follow steps 1-12 of hem instructions in front section.							
3. Row counter 0.							
4. Knit straight to xxx rows (adjust length)	54	64	74	108	116	116	116
Note: Steps 5 and 6 are knitted simultaneously.							
5. **ON BACK (LEFT SIDE)**							
Increase 1 stitch every xxx rows	3	4	5	4	5	4	5
xxx times	18	19	19	19	19	23	22
6. **ON FRONT (RIGHT SIDE)**							
Increase 1 stitch every xxx rows	4	5	6	5	6	8	8
xxx times	14	15	15	15	15	15	15
7. There are now xxx stitches	128	136	142	148	154	166	177
8. Knit to xxx rows	118	140	166	182	208	232	238
Note: Steps 9 and 10 are knitted simultaneously.							
9. **ON BACK (LEFT SIDE)**							
Cast off xxx stitches	3	3	3	3	3	4	4
Decrease 1 stitch every row xxx times	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Decrease 1 stitch every 2nd row xxx times	3	3	4	4	4	4	5
Decrease 1 stitch every xxx rows	12	16	17	20	20	9	8
xxx times	4	4	4	4	4	10	12
10. **ON FRONT (RIGHT SIDE)**							
Knit to xxx rows	123	145	171	187	213	237	243
Cast off xxx stitches	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
Decrease 1 stitch every 2nd row xxx times	9	9	9	9	9	9	10
Decrease 1 stitch every xxx rows	20	20	30	20	20	15	12
xxx times	2	2	2	4	4	6	8
11. There are now xxx stitches	90	98	103	107	113	116	120
12. Knit to xxx rows	204	232	264	290	322	352	368
13. Carriage on left, Russel lever Blue.							
14. Push to D on right xxx needles	15	16	17	18	19	20	22
15. Knit 1 row.							
16. Hook wool under inside needle in D position.							
17. Knit 1 row.							
18. Repeat steps 14 to 17, 4 times.							
19. Russel lever Red. Knit 1 row.							
20. Change tension one full number tighter.							
21. Knit 28 rows.							
22. Cast off loosely.							

Knit other half commencing with carriage on right, back shaping on right and front shaping on left of work.



CHILD'S SKIRT–2 PIECES

Sizes	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1. Select xxx needles	104	112	122	130	136	146	154
2. Follow steps 1 to 12 of Hem instructions in front section.							
3. Row counter 000.							
4. Decrease 1 stitch each end every xxx rows 11 times. See 'Note' below for altering lengths	7	7	8	8	8	9	9
5. There are now xxx stitches	82	90	100	108	114	124	132
6. Decrease 1 stitch each end every xxx rows xxx times	6 3	6 4	7 4	6 6	7 7	7 7	7 8
7. There are now xxx stitches	76	78	92	96	100	110	116
8. Knit 1 row.							
9. There are now xxx rows .... above hem if length not altered.	96	102	117	125	138	149	156
10. Change tension to one full number tighter, e.g., T.5.2.							
11. Knit 28 rows.							
12. Cast off loosely. Knit another piece following steps 1 to 12.							

Note: To alter length – For every 2.5 cm of length to be altered deduct or add 1 row to the number of rows to each of the 11 decreasings in step 4.

E.g., in size A, if 2.5 cm longer is required decrease 1 stitch each end every 8th row 11 times, or if 2.5 cm shorter is required decrease 1 stitch each end every 6th row 11 times.

LADIES' A-LINE SKIRT–2 PIECES

Sizes	A	B	C	D	E	F
1. Select xxx needles	156	160	166	172	180	188
2. Follow steps 1 to 12 of hem instructions in front section.						
3. Row counter 000.						
4. Decrease 1 stitch each end every 9th row 11 times.						
See 'Note' below for altering lengths.						
5. There are now xxx stitches	134	138	144	150	158	166
6. Decrease 1 stitch each end every 7th row 13 times.						
7. There are now xxx stitches	108	112	118	124	132	140
8. There are now 190 rows above hem if length not altered.						
9. Change tension to one full number tighter, e.g., T.5.2.						
10. Knit 28 rows.						
11. Cast off loosely.						
Knit another piece following steps 1 to 11.						

Note: To alter length – For every 2.5 cm of length to be altered deduct or add 1 row to the number of rows to each of the 11 decreasings in step 4.

E.g., in size A, if 2.5 cm longer is required decrease 1 stitch each end every 10 rows 11 times, or if 2.5 cm shorter is required decrease 1 stitch each end every 8th row 11 times.

LADIES' STRAIGHT SKIRT–2 PIECES

Sizes	A	B	C	D	E	F
1. Select xxx needles	134	138	144	150	158	166
2. Follow steps 1 to 12 of hem instructions in front section.						
3. Row counter 000.						
4. Knit straight to 99 rows above hem (adjust length).						
5. Decrease 1 stitch each end every 7th row 13 times.						
6. There are now xxx stitches	108	112	118	124	132	140
7. There are now 190 rows if length not altered.						
8. Change tension to one full number tighter, e.g., T.5.2.						
9. Knit 28 rows.						
10. Cast off loosely.						

Knit another piece following steps 1 to 10.

COMPLETION OF GARMENTS

Skirts

1. Press all pieces lightly with damp cloth.
2. Sew up 2 side seams – finishing 2.5 cm from top on one side.
3. See below for waistband.

Pants

1. Press all pieces lightly with damp cloth.
2. On adults', sew up side seams – sewing fronts to corresponding back pieces.
3. On all styles, sew up inside leg seams.
4. Turn both legs to wrong side.
5. Pin crutch seam together – matching inside leg seams.
6. With no. 11 crochet hook – commencing at front – crochet 2 right sides together, finishing 2.5 cm from top of back.

   Note: The wool is hooked through the stitches, not over the edge, giving appearance of chain stitch. This method is more durable than ordinary stitching.

Waistbands

1. Fold edge over 2.5 cm to wrong side and slip stitch.
2. Thread elastic through opening to fit waist.
3. Press all seams lightly.

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